Tower 1: Erection of 3rd tier of steel structure is going on. Materials for 4th tier is at site.

Tower 2: Erection of 2nd tier of structure completed. Materials for 3rd tier at site.

Tower 3: Erection of 2nd tier of structure completed. Civil foundation works completed.

Tower 4: Earth work in filling the plinth completed. Shuttering for R.C.C. for columns started.

(d) and (e): According to the information received from the State Government of Assam, the grant released was being used for payment of salaries of employees of Sports Board of Assam: but that Government has since regularised the same by giving special grant-in-aid.

Enhancement of honey production in Bihar

2483. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving any Central Assistance to the state of Bihar for disbursing among the farmers for the development of bee colonies in the State to enhance honey production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other measures taken by Government to give incentives to farmers in Bihar for the production of honey in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Sector Scheme for Development of Bee Keeping for improving Crop Productivity being implemented during Eighth Five Year Plan was launched with effect from 1994-95, under this scheme, there is a provision to give subsidy support @ 50% of the cost of bee colonies subject to a maximum of 20 colonies to the beneficiaries in each State including the State of Bihar. The Directorate of Horticulture was identified as the State Designated Agency (SDA) during 1995-96 for implementing the Scheme. During the year 1995-96 13,000 bee colonies are proposed to be distributed at an outlay of Rs. 19.5 lakhs.

(c) Besides distribution of bee colonies, this scheme also envisages training of bee keepers with a provision of Rs. 1,000 per trainee including supply of one bee colony to each trainee. An amount of Rs. 25,000 /was released to the Rajendra Agril. University, Pusa, Distt. Samastipur, Bihar for training 25 Beekeepers during 1994-95. The scheme also has provision for taking up promotional research on bee keeping. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also implementing All India Coordinated Research Project on Honey Bee Research & Training for the benefit of farmers of Bihar State through the Rajendra Agril. University, Pusa, Bihar. The Khadi & Village Industry Commission (KVIC) is also engaged in promoting bee keeping industry. The KVIC have sanctioned Rs. 29.46 lakhs to 20 Institutions of Bihar and State Khadi and Village Industries Board during 1994-95 for promoting bee keeping industry. They have made a tentative allocation of Rs. 7.75 lakh for 1995-96.

Allotment of unsafe Government quarters

2484. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar and Sarojini Nagar, which come under the administrative control of Director of Estates had been declared dangerous by CPWD and got vacated through the Estate Office;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether the Executive Engineers are entitled to allot such quarters to the CPWD employees in an arbitrary manner, under any order of his Ministry;

(d) if so, the detials thereof; and

(e) if not, the action Government propose to take against the Executive Engineers who have allotted such quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details for the last three years are as under: